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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady to instances firm. Sales were heavy for deferred shipments, light for prompt deliveries. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings held with confidence. Parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light to moderate. Demand was fairly good. Offerings adequate to barely adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) APRIL 21, 2005

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/		
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS								-	-
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	66	66.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) APRIL 22, 2005

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWA	RD SHIPME	NTS 6/	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/		
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS				, ,		(000)		()	
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	66	66.00	320	73.00	4000	SEP	320	APR
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	2900	JUN-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-66	65	65.00	120	71.00	8000	SEP	320	APR
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	1800	JUN-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	64	64.00	10	_	_	_	_	_

^{1/} May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degress F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.
3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes product swith 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.00	66.00 **	64.60 **
CENTRAL REGION	66.50	64.50 **	64.50 **
WESTERN REGION	66.20 **	66.00 **	65.10 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	65.00 **	64.90 **
CENTRAL REGION	66.49	63.50 **	64.70 **
WESTERN REGION	64.00	65.00 **	64.80 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	64-74

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS (prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 25-APR-2005

F	Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIM	E OF SALE	
8-16 lbs.	79.31	130,000
16-24 lbs.	78.67	15,000

Total Volume:

145.000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 16-Apr-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

——YOUNG TURKEYS——TOTAL TURKEYS						
		PCT	AVG	OLD		AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDE	D	LIVE
-THOUSA	ND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSA	ND HEAD-	WT
North East	739	-9	25.27	(A)	740	25.27
South Atlan	tic 599	16	32.62	(A)	600	32.62
North Cent	ral1,984	-2	32.62	(A)	1,984	32.62
South Cent	tral 491	-10	22.94	(A)	491	22.94
West	317	0	24.51	(A)	317	24.51
U.S. total	4,130(B)	-2	29.81	2	4,132	29.81
To-date						
2005	61,171(B)			49	61,220	
To-date						
2004	62,952(B)			121	63,073	

- (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 11,000; for the current year to date 355,000; for last year to date 675,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

March 443,608* April 1 - 16, 2005 217,643* To date 2005 1,452,292* To date 2004 1,421,898*

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 16-Apr-2005

	YC	UNG	YOUNG	YOUNG OLD				
	HENS	TOMS	BREE	DERS	TURKEYS			
Thousands								
Head	1,564	2,555	11	2	4,132			
Avg Wt	16.35	38.07	24.72	29.42	29.81			
Last week	1,637	2,545	30	0	4,212			
Same wk yr ago	1,634	2,466	49	5	4,154			
Avg Wt	15.81	37.29	26.36	28.67	28.70			
To-date/2005	23,161	37,655	355	49	61,220			
To-date/2004	25,310	36,967	675	121	63,073			

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^{*} Preliminary

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 APRIL 2005.

The market tone on tom necks was steady to firm, tom drums steady to fully steady and tom full-cut wings steady at best with instances of increased confidence noted as a partial result of the recent export activity. Demand on tom drums light to moderate, moderate to good for internal ground production; tom necks moderate to good; tom full-cut wings light to moderate for domestic usage, moderate to good into export channels. Offerings of tom drums light to instances adequate and mostly held with confidence, tom necks short of buyers needs, tom full-cut wings light to instances fully adequate. Trading heavy on tom full-cut wings for export, moderate on fresh tom breast meat and frozen breast trim for domestic shipments, balance slow. For domestic: fresh scapula 123; 8-10 lb. breasts - Grade A non-basted 111, Grade A basted 106, plant grade basted 105; 12-14 lb. breasts - Grade A non-basted 130, Grade A basted 120, plant grade non-basted 120-122; plant grade non-basted 14-16 lb. breasts 130 cents delivered. Tom necks traded at 24 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	100.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2/		W	158.00	9
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	41.00-42.00		41.69	49
DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH		W	42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	37.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00-29.00		28.21	43
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	29.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	44.60	229
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		Т	75.00	60
NECKS, TOM	24.00-28.00		26.31	83
NECKS, HEN		W	23.00	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	169.00		169.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/	167.00-170.00		168.17	480
THIGH MEAT		F	88.24	38
THIGH MEATFRESH		W	92.00	94
BREAST TRIM MEAT	137.00-138.00		137.40	200
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		F F	149.40	100
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	152.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH WING MEAT WITH SKIN	170.00		170.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/	29.00-30.00		29.77	156
WECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH 4/	29.00-30.00		29.11	100
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-42.00		40.23	176
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00-28.00		25.57	1,840
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	40.00	54
TAILS		F	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	35.25		35.25	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00		83.00	104

^{1/} CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

^{2/} Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

^{3/} Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

^{4/15-20%} fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 APRIL 2005.

The market tone improved on fresh tom breast meat steady to fully steady in partial response due to the improved further processed demand because of the improved weather in the East, balance of fresh white meat mostly steady with breast trim in the strongest hands. The market tone on frozen tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim was steady to fully steady; scapula steady at best, frozen wing meat with skin steady to barely steady. Demand moderate to good on breast trim and fresh tom breast meat, balance very light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat better balanced in response to the improved demand, fresh destrapped tenderloins adequate to instances fully adequate; breast trim, frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins held with confidence; scapula adequate to instances fully adequate; wing meat with skin adequate on fresh to instances ample on frozen. The market tone on thigh meat was steady on fresh, steady to barely steady on frozen. Demand on thigh meat light to moderate with fresh the most active. Offerings of fresh thigh meat light to adequate, frozen light to fully adequate. Domestic trading was moderately heavy on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow to moderate. Export trading was moderate on tom drums, balance slow. For domestic: plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts 92 delivered June-August, plant grade non-basted 18-20 lb. breasts 130, hearts 24, fresh scapula 119-127, fresh breast trim 148, tom hand defatted gizzards 59, frozen 2-10 lb. -85% lean ground turkey 56 cents delivered. Livers traded at 19 cents shipping point for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE AFRESH 2	2/	W	158.00	9	158.00	9
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	240	92.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	40.00		40.00	1	41.66	50
DRUMSTICKS, TOMFRESH	41.00-42.00		41.33	120	41.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	37.50		37.50	60	37.55	112
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-29.00		27.15	317	27.18	560
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		Т	29.00	15	29.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	44.60	229		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	75.00-78.00		76.50	80	75.86	140
NECKS, TOM	25.00-26.00		25.26	108	25.59	231
NECKS, HEN		W	23.00	10	23.00	23
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	171.00		171.00	20	170.89	106
BREASTS, B/S, TOMFRESH 3/	168.00-173.00		171.10	534	169.88	2,069
THIGH MEAT	87.00		87.00	40	87.00	40
THIGH MEATFRESH	92.00-93.00		92.70	135	92.50	269
BREAST TRIM MEAT	139.00		139.00	40	138.10	400
SCAPULA MEAT	106.00		106.00	12	106.00	12
TENDERLOINS	149.00	_	149.00	20	149.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	400 00 470 00	F	152.00	80	400.00	250
DESTRAPPED TENDERSFRESH WING MEAT WITH SKIN	168.00-170.00		169.03	96	168.22	356
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATEDFRESH	4/ 29.00-30.00		29.51	78	29.65	544
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-42.00		40.89	468	40.71	644
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00-26.50		25.51	236	25.51	2180
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	44.00		44.00	104	44.00	104
TAILS		F	26.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	35.25	80	34.76	132
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00-90.00		86.90	248	86.45	512
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